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Extract from the Staff Meeting Minutes of 7 May 1979:

Bowie suggested that Mr. Carlucci's findings during his trip be presented to Congressional Oversight committees. Mr. Carlucci said that he doubts the effectiveness of such a move unless we are first able to get an Administration-established position on this whole matter. On this point, Lapham commented on problems within the Administration. He noted particularly that the Attorney General's responsiveness to our repeated requests for support--a legislative initiative for a new criminal statute respecting unauthorized disclosure--has been lacking. Justice seems to be ignoring our needs under the guise of viewing them in a larger context re any new laws. Lapham said that his successor will have to pick up the effort on discussion with appropriate principals re criminal, civilian, and Administration elements on, e.g., Agee's continued use of a U.S. passport. McMahon insisted that from the beginning these parties have not and are not likely to respond properly to the situation unless we go to the NSC and the President. Mr. Carlucci asked if we should be getting together with OMB on this and all related issues in order to gain the support of the Administration. He asked that Lapham have someone in OGC pick up on this. Lapham warned of related problems in pushing for legislation, e.g., in identity-type proposals, having to ask [redacted] officers to testify in public re Agee. (Action: OGC) [redacted]

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